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Art Unit: 1636

For: MODULAR MOLECULAR CLASPS AND
USES THEREOF

Examiner: Daniel M. Sullivan

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This response is filed in reply to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, mailed March 25, 2003, in connection with the above application. The period for response has been extended to September 25, 2003, by the accompanying petition for five months extension. Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-3, 5-8, and 10-45, *with traverse*, on the following grounds.

Applicants traverse this restriction requirement on the basis that Groups I and II are so closely related and they share common features, as evidenced by their common classification in class 530, subclass 350. Thus, at least these two groups can be searched simultaneously without undue burden on the Examiner. In fact, claims 1, 2, 5-7, and 10-45 are both Group I and Group II claims. A species election seems to be more proper.

In addition, Groups III-XVII each contains just a few (mostly just one) claims. Therefore, a search and examination of all pending claims can be made without imposing additional serious burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement imposed on all Groups, at least on Groups I and II, are respectfully requested.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response other than that fee indicated on the accompanying fee transmittal. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. ENGE-P01-004 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: September 25, 2003

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